



Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: Monday 23rd January 2017

Dear Parent

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked to the children about the idea of happiness and kindness, with the help of the *Mr Men*, followed by a story from the Bible about Jesus being invited to a party. During our weekly Bird Family meetings, the children thought about their worries and fears and we suggested ways in which these can be solved and shared. We enjoyed meeting the 'Worry Monsters' once again, which are characters from our charity, Nelson's Journey.

Our activities have continued to focus around our topic, the Polar Regions. Each class has made life size paper cut outs of a polar bear and a penguin. We have been using the internet and a range of non-fiction books to answer some of the questions we asked at the beginning of our topic.

Our maths focus this week has been measuring. The children have enjoyed measuring a variety of objects using non-standard units and compared heights and lengths of polar animals. We have explored a hundred square including number patterns, and the children have learnt how it can be transformed into a tape measure!

In our literacy groups we have continued learning to read and spell high frequency words, alongside learning new phonemes. The children have impressed us with their improved letter formation and blending skills.

At home this weekend you may like to measure a variety of objects in and around your homes, thinking about which items are shorter and taller than you.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 8th February:

- Reception classes to Banham Zoo
- Coffee morning and meeting for Pre Prep parents led by Mr Bevington regarding plans to improve the Pre Prep building – 8.30am - 9.15am (Pre Prep hall)

Thursday 9th February: Reception parents' evening in the Nursery from 5.00pm – 8.00pm. Parents will be able to book a 10-minute appointment slot using the new 'parents' booking system'. This can be accessed by clicking on the link 'view our parent information centre' on the main school website at www.townclose.com. Please note that if you have not used the system yet this term, your password has been set as Townclose and you will be asked to change it. If you have any problems, please contact Mr Shone in our IT department directly on 01603-599031 or email cshone@townclose.com

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing, Mrs Brown and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries